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SUBJ: UNRWA SHIPMENTS VIA ALLENBY BRIDGE

REF: TEL AVIV 4504

1. UNRWA/WEST BANK HAS PERIODICALLY ENCOUNTERED PROBLEMS CONCERNING SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES VIA ALLENBY BRIDGE. IT HAS, HOWEVER, SEVERAL TIMES OBTAINED PERMISSION FOR SUCH SHIPMENTS ON "EXCEPTIONAL" BASIS. IN COURSE OF THIS YEAR WE UNDERSTAND FROM UNRWA ACTING WEST BANK DIRECTOR THAT PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR ONE SHIPMENT OF RICE AND THREE OF SUGAR. PERMISSION TO OBTAIN ANOTHER RICE SHIPMENT IS NOW PENDING WITH GOI WHICH WANTS UNRWA COMMITMENT THAT THIS LAST SUCH REQUEST THIS YEAR. IN EACH CASE WHERE PERMISSION IS GRANTED, INDIVIDUAL BAGS ARE OPENED AND SIFTED BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WHO CONSIDER THIS ESSENTIAL SECURITY PRECAUTION. GOI RELUCTANT TO CARRY OUT THIS TIME-CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE OPERATION EXCEPT IN
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MOST UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. AS RESULT OF SHORTAGE OF COMMODITIES UNRWA/WEST BANK HAS DISTRIBUTED REDUCED RICE RATION SINCE APRIL AND HAD NO SUGAR FOR DISTRIBUTION JULY. REFUGEES IN NABLUS AREA HAVE REFUSED TO ACCEPT JULY RATIONS AS PROTEST AGAINST SHORTFALL THIS AND PREVIOUS MONTHS. THERE HAVE BEEN RUMBLINGS AMONG REFUGEES IN OTHER PARTS OF WEST BANK BUT RATIONS REFUSED ONLY IN NABLUS.

3. WEST BANK ACTING DIRECTOR TELLS US HE WITHIN PAST FEW DAYS RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION FOR LOCAL PURCHASE OF SUGAR. HE SAID ISRAELIS HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE IT AAT \$600 PER TON WHICH HE CONSIDERS QUITE REASONABLE PRICE. HE ALSO AUTHORIZED TO MAKE UP JULY SUGAR RATION WHEN COMMON MARKET SHIPMENT IS RECEIVED.
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